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SUBJ: PROVOS TO CONTINUED " ARMED RESISTANCE"

1. LATE MARCH 23, PROVISIONALS RELEASED STATEMENT WHICH CONCLUDED THAT IRA " HAS NO OPTION BUT TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN OF ARMED RESISTANCE." BODY OF STATEMENT REJECTED BRITISH WHITE PAPER IN PREDICTABLE TERMS, NOTING THAT IT FAILED TO MEET ANY OF PROVOS' THREE STANDING CONDITIONS FOR PEACE. ASIDE FROM DECISION TO CONTINUE FIGHTING, MOST INTERESTING ASPECT OF STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWING SENTENCE: " IF BRITISH GOVT WERE SERIOUS IN SECURING A POLITICAL SOLUTION, THEN IT WOULD REMOVE ALL RESTRICTIONS FORTHWITH ON THE SINN FEIN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION" (IN NI). DUBLIN PAPERS SPECULATE THAT PROVOS MIGHT RECONSIDER CAMPAIGN OF VIOLENCE IF THEY WERE ALLOWED CONTEST NI ELECTIONS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE LEGALIZING PROVO SINN FEIN AND PERHAPS ALTERING REQUIREMENTS TO TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO QUEEN.

2. ON MARCH 25, PROVO SINN FEIN HELD CONVENTION IN MONAGHAN, NEAR NI BORDER. ACCORDING TO PRESS, MORE THAN 400 DELEGATES ATTENDED, AND DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN NI ELECTIONS. AT CLOSE
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OF CONVENTION, PROVOS ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT THEY WOULD NOT CONTEST NI LOCAL GOVT ELECTIONS WHILE BAN ON SINN FEIN REMAINS. UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ACCORDIN LIFT RESERVE WITHOUT RECOURSE TO WASHINGTON. REQUEST POSITION (OR, IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, FURTHER QUESTIONS) PROMPTLY.
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